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XII. HUMAN RIGHTS AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS

1. The Commission considered agenda item 12 at its 63rd meeting, on 15 April, and at its 67th meeting, on 16 April 1997. 1/

2. For the documents issued under agenda item 12, see annex .. to the present report. For a list of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission, see annex .. to the present report.

3. At the 63rd meeting, on 15 April 1997, in the general debate on agenda item 12, the Commission heard statements by the observers for Iraq and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

4. At its 67th meeting, on 16 April 1997, the Commission took up consideration of the draft resolutions and decisions submitted under item 12.

Human rights and the follow-up to the guidelines for the regulation of computerized personal data files

5. The representative of France introduced draft decision E/CN.4/1997/L.103, which was adopted without a vote. For the text of the decision as adopted, see chapter II, section B, decision 1997/..

Human rights and bioethics

6. The representative of France introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1997/L.106 sponsored by Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Belgium, France, Georgia, Italy, Madagascar, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Spain and San Marino. Greece and India subsequently joined the sponsors.

7. The draft resolution was orally revised by the representative of France as follows:

(a) Operative paragraph 4 was moved to become the new fifteenth preambular paragraph and the words "Takes note" were replaced by "Taking note also";

(b) In operative paragraph 5, the words "including his identity and unity together with his dignity" were replaced by "and his dignity as well as his identity and unity";

8. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1997/71.